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Komatsuda et al.

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**For:** METHOD OF DISTINGUISHING EAR  
SHAPE AND RESISTANCE AGAINST  
GIBBERELLA ZEAE AND METHOD OF  
IMPROVING BARLEY PLANT USING  
THE SAME

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**Amendments to the Title** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as indicated below:

**METHODS OF DISTINGUISHING EAR SHAPE IDENTIFYING SPIKE**  
**MORPHOLOGY AND FUSARIUM HEAD BLIGHT RESISTANCE, AGAINST**  
**GIBBERELLA ZEAE AND METHOD THE USE OF THESE METHODS FOR**  
**IMPROVING BARLEY PLANT USING THE SAME AND RELATED TRITICEAE**  
**PLANTS**